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Town Of Sanbornton Cemetery Trustees Meeting

April 10, 2019

At 7pm, the meeting was called to order.

Present were Brendan Morrison, Karey Caldwell and Phil Turner

Order of Business:

1. Karey made a motion to have Brendan Morrison continue serving as the Chair of the Trustees. Phil Turner seconded, and hearing no objections, the motion passed.
2. Brendan made a motion to have Karey Caldwell continue serving as the Secretary of the Trustees. Phil Turner seconded, and hearing no objections, the motion passed.
3. Karey made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of 8/16/2018. Phil seconded, and hearing no objections, the motion passed.
4. Discussion was then held regarding a purchase of Plots request from Brad Crosby. Karey met with Brad on 3/20/19 at the Library to review details, rules, etc. Brad filled out some paperwork to start the process and it was decided at that time to meet again (at a later date in April, at the cemetery) to choose the plots.
5. Earlier this year, a letter had been written to Brendan from Nancy Durgin, regarding some burial plots she had wanted for her family and to express concerns with the cemetery maintenance. Nancy and her husband, Kenneth, attended the meeting at 7:15pm. Nancy first gave some history of the situation. Essentially, a discussion she had with previous Cemetery Trustees had indicated that certain plots in the Town Cemetery would be "skipped" so as to accommodate Nancy's request to keep some plots open for her family to use, as would be desired in the future. Nancy's mother and father are currently buried in two of the plots. Unfortunately, the current Trustees had no knowledge of this discussion, and the other plots in question were subsequently sold/used. Brendan offered a couple of options, to include moving the two current interments to a "new" location and setting up a way to accommodate the other plots desired, as well as an indication that there were two "empty connecting" plots (#5 and #15) available. Some information was given to Nancy for her consideration, and she will get back to the Trustees with her decisions at a later date.
6. Nancy also expressed her concerns with how the cemetery was being mowed and maintained. She indicated that the people doing the mowing were "racing" through the cemetery and that grass clippings were being thrown on the headstones. Going in the opposite direction with the mower would remedy this issue of the clippings. She also asked for a water source for flowers and the garden. There is currently a well and spigot, but electricity will be need to run the pump for the water.

Other business:

1. Brendan said he would contact Johnny Van Tassel regarding a tree that had fallen last October, as well as finding out what can be done about the Utility Shed. The shed is in a state of disrepair and this needs to be addressed.
2. Phil indicated that the Cemetery doesn't have it's rules posted. He also requested that we review our cemetery's rules as well as the NH State Laws to be sure we are up to date. He also indicated that he had replaced the big flag on the pole at the entrance of the Cemetery.
3. The fencing needs attention (trees are pushing against the fence - need to cut a "strip" back) and the fence posts need to be checked for measurement accuracy.

4. A few other topics came up in discussion (no artificial flowers allowed, "green burials", concrete vaults, 50 year rule about plots, and if cremations on top of full body are ok), but due to time restraints, were not discussed in full. These will be addressed at the next meeting.
5. The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 20th, 2019 at 6pm. Location to be determined.
6. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.